

STATEMENT MADE BY FORMER POLICE OFFICER
LUKE LYONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO GEORGE H. ROEDER
AT NEW BRUNSWICK ON NOVEMBER 11, 1926.

Luke Lyons says that on the night of the murder he was on the beat that covers the section around Nichol Avenue. As usual at night he met Phillips at the foot of Commercial Avenue, near where he would ring into headquarters and report. This would be about 10.30 P.M. From there he and Phillips walked up George Street together and then turned up Nichol Avenue. When they arrived at Harry Carpender's home, they discovered the garage doors wide open and the house in darkness. He fixes the time at between 10.45 and 10.50. They discussed it as being unusual and Phillips went to the back stoop and knocked at the door several times. There was no response. They then left and went on. He says it could have been around 11.00 P.M. but certainly not later than 11.05 when last they saw the garage. This territory would not be covered again till around 1.30 or 2.00 in the morning. The doors then were closed.

Lyons remembers it because he entered it on his notebook and recorded it there as a missing car. He did not report it to headquarters, however, and he still possesses the notebook at home. No one has knowledge of it.

He says Phillips told the story and mentioned Lyons and that is how he was brought into it.

Lyons is friendly towards you even though, as he says, you accused him of being drunk in the Felin case.

I think it advisable that you see him your earliest opportunity to get the details of his and Phillips' movements and time accurately and just what he told the other side.

(Get Luke through Ray Lyons. Ray's house no. is 2007)

G.H.R.